

## Water heating system seasonal efficiency

The user enters the average efficiency (%) of the conventional water heating system over the season of use. This value is used to calculate the financial value of the system. It has no influence on the calculation of the annual renewable energy production. Typical values range from 50 % for conventional fossil-fuel-fired water heaters to nearly 100 % for electric heaters. If a heat-pump is used as a base case (e.g. for swimming pool applications) the user will select "Electricity" as the heating fuel type and may enter values higher than 100 % to reflect the heat pump coefficient of performance (COP) (e.g. enter 225 % if seasonal COP is 2.25).

Typical values of residential heating system efficiencies are tabulated below. The efficiencies of commercial and industrial water heating systems can vary significantly depending on size, age, technology, condition, installation specifics, etc. and these are not specifically included here. However, the user may use the efficiencies of residential water heating systems as a reference for similar larger systems.

Fuel	Residential Water Heating System Type	Typical Seasonal Efficiency*
Nat'l Gas or Propane	Storage tank (conventional)	50%
	Storage tank (high-efficiency)	70%
	Instantaneous	80%
	Integrated with space heating (tankless coil)	48%
	Induced draft / direct vent (conventional)	55%
	Induced draft / direct vent (high-efficiency)	70%
	Condensing	86%
Oil	Storage tank (conventional)	50%
	Storage tank (high-efficiency)	60%
	Integrated with space heating (tankless coil)	40%
Electricity	Storage tank (conventional)	88%
	Storage tank (high-efficiency)	94%
	Instantaneous	94%
	Heat pump	190%

**Typical Water Heating System Seasonal Efficiencies**

\*Note: The efficiency of residential water heating systems is commonly expressed in terms of the Energy Factor (EF). For the purposes of the model it is assumed that the two measures are essentially the same (except that EF is expressed as a decimal). The values in the above table are in fact EF values that were converted to percentages. Seasonal Efficiency is used here because it is a more generic term and more applicable to commercial and industrial water heating systems for which EF ratings don't exist. All shown efficiency values are approximate and typical values.

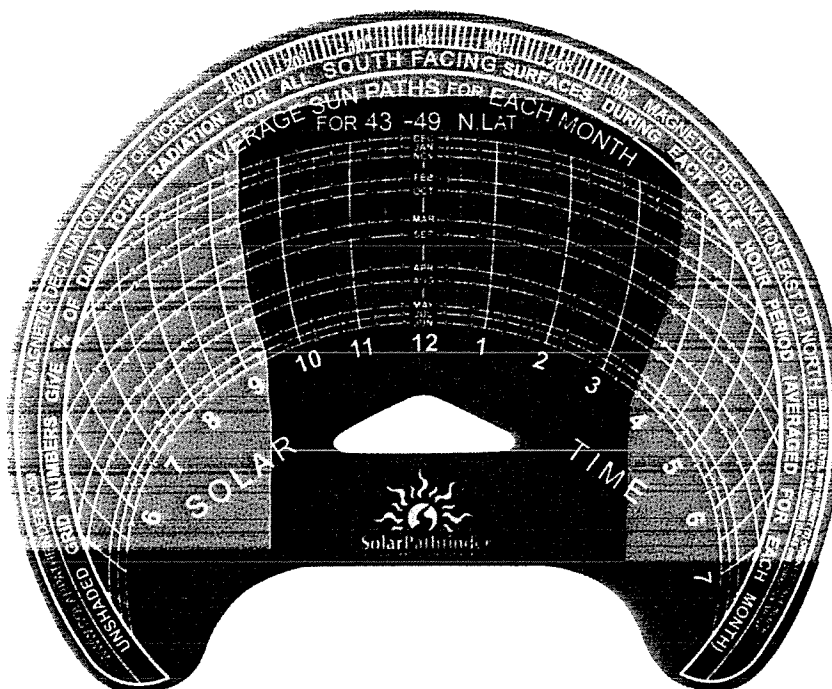


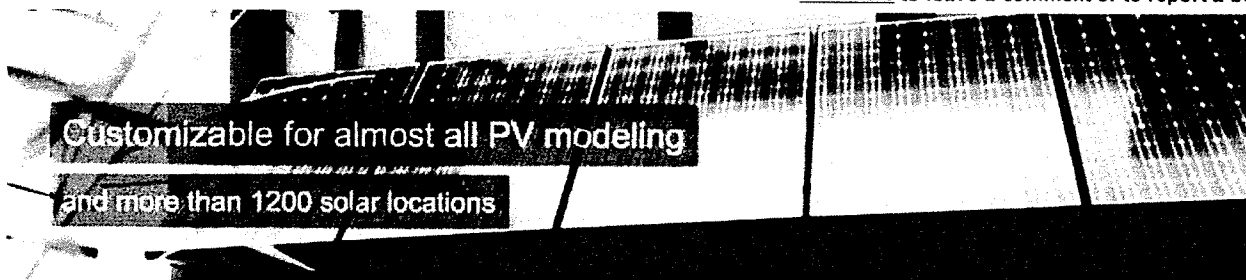
## Solar Site Analysis Report

**Report Title** NHPUC  
**Image File** pathfinder3.jpg  
**Report Date** Sunday, August 29, 2010  
**Declination** -15d 5m  
**Latitude/Longitude** 43.23 / -71.536  
**Analysis Site** CONCORD, NH, Zipcode: 03301  
**Weather Station** CONCORD, NH, Elevation: 105 m  
**Station/Site Distance** 2.78 miles

**Array Type** Fixed  
**Tilt Angle** 43.23 degree  
**Cost of Electricity** 6 cents/kWhr  
**DC Rate** 4.00 kW  
**Derate Factor** 0.77  
**Azimuth (180 = south)** 180.00 degree

Month	Unshaded % of Ideal Site	Actual Solar Rad w/ Shading
	<b>Azimuth=180.0</b>	<b>Azimuth=180.0</b>
	<b>Tilt=43.2</b>	<b>Tilt=43.2</b>
		<b>KWH/m<sup>2</sup> /day</b>
January	86.10%	3.23
February	80.40%	3.71
March	76.40%	3.74
April	76.10%	3.74
May	72.40%	3.75
June	72.90%	3.74
July	72.40%	3.95
August	74.10%	3.94
September	76.40%	3.67
October	80.40%	3.03
November	86.30%	2.55
December	87.10%	2.41
<b>Totals</b>	<b>78.42%</b>	--
	<b>Unweighted</b>	<b>Effect: 75.02%</b>
	<b>Yearly Avg</b>	<b>Sun Hrs: 3.46</b>



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## PV System

Array Type : Fixed Tilt  
 DC Rating(kW): 5  
 Derate Factor: 77%   
 Tilt: 43  
 Direction: 180

## PV System Cost

Cost: Per Watt  
 Cost Per Watt: \$6.00  
 Fed Tax Rate: 35 %  
 Financing: Home Loan  
 Loan Rate: 7 %  
 Percent Down: 20  
 Loan Life: 5 years %

## Electric Cost

Increase Rate: 5 %  
 Usage Pattern: Standard  
 Annual Electric: Cost  
 Annual Cost: \$2,000

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## Main Details

Annual kWh Production: 5,857 kWh  
 Payback Time: 12 years 2 months  
 Energy Produced %: 37.50%  
 Savings over 30 years: \$26,337  
 PV Module Space: 695ft<sup>2</sup>

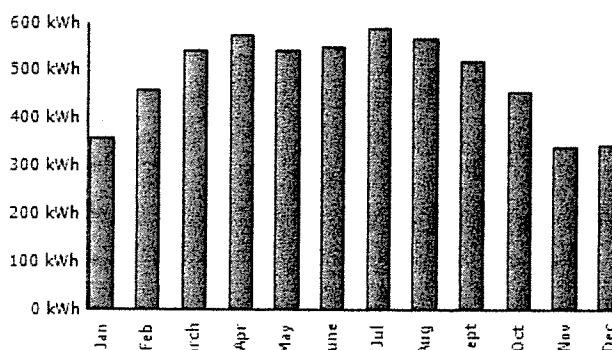
## System Cost

PV System Cost: \$30,000  
 Price Per Watt \$6.00  
 Rebates and Incentives: \$9,000  
 Effective System Cost: \$21,000

## Environmental

CO2 Reduced Annually: 7,839 pounds

Monthly kWh Production





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# AC Energy & Cost Savings



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Station Identification	
City:	Concord
State:	New_Hampshire
Latitude:	43.20° N
Longitude:	71.50° W
Elevation:	105 m
PV System Specifications	
DC Rating:	5.0 kW
DC to AC Derate Factor:	0.770
AC Rating:	3.8 kW
Array Type:	Fixed Tilt
Array Tilt:	43.2°
Array Azimuth:	180.0°
Energy Specifications	
Cost of Electricity:	12.5 ¢/kWh

Results			
Month	Solar Radiation (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /day)	AC Energy (kWh)	Energy Value (\$)
1	3.80	473	59.12
2	4.56	515	64.38
3	4.89	594	74.25
4	5.19	577	72.12
5	5.40	594	74.25
6	5.42	561	70.12
7	5.59	590	73.75
8	5.47	582	72.75
9	4.93	520	65.00
10	4.01	458	57.25
11	3.13	360	45.00
12	2.87	354	44.25
Year	4.61	6178	772.25

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Site Conditions		Estimate	Notes/Range
Project name		<b>Process Hot Water</b>	<u>See Online Manual</u>
Project location		<b>New Hampshire</b>	
Nearest location for weather data		Concord, NH	→ <u>Complete SR&amp;HL sheet</u>
Annual solar radiation (tilted surface)	MWh/m <sup>2</sup>	1.65	
Annual average temperature	°C	7.7	-20.0 to 30.0
Annual average wind speed	m/s	3.0	
Desired load temperature	°C	60	
Hot water use	L/d	2,000	
Number of months analysed	month	12.00	
Energy demand for months analysed	MWh	44.55	

System Characteristics		Estimate	Notes/Range
Application type		Service hot water (with storage)	
<b>Base Case Water Heating System</b>			
Heating fuel type	-	<b>Natural gas - mMBtu</b>	
Water heating system seasonal efficiency	%	80%	50% to 190%
<b>Solar Collector</b>			
Collector type	-	<b>Glazed</b>	<u>See Technical Note 1</u>
Solar water heating collector manufacturer		<b>SunEarth</b>	<u>See Product Database</u>
Solar water heating collector model		<b>Empire EC-32</b>	
Gross area of one collector	m <sup>2</sup>	3.05	1.00 to 5.00
Aperture area of one collector	m <sup>2</sup>	2.75	1.00 to 5.00
Fr (tau alpha) coefficient	-	0.71	0.50 to 0.90
Fr UL coefficient	(W/m <sup>2</sup> )/°C	4.13	1.50 to 8.00
Temperature coefficient for Fr UL	(W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·°C))	0.00	0.000 to 0.010
Suggested number of collectors		12	
Number of collectors		12	
Total gross collector area	m <sup>2</sup>	36.6	
<b>Storage</b>			
Ratio of storage capacity to coll. area	L/m <sup>2</sup>	62.0	37.5 to 100.0
Storage capacity	L	2,046	
<b>Balance of System</b>			
Heat exchanger/antifreeze protection	yes/no	Yes	
Heat exchanger effectiveness	%	85%	50% to 85%
Suggested pipe diameter	mm	19	8 to 25 or PVC 35 to 50
Pipe diameter	mm	38	8 to 25 or PVC 35 to 50
Pumping power per collector area	W/m <sup>2</sup>	0	3 to 22, or 0
Piping and solar tank losses	%	1%	1% to 10%
Losses due to snow and/or dirt	%	3%	2% to 10%
Horz. dist. from mech. room to collector	m	5	5 to 20
# of floors from mech. room to collector	-	2	0 to 20

Annual Energy Production (12.00 months analysed)		Estimate	Notes/Range
SWH system capacity	kW <sub>th</sub>	23	
	million Btu/h	0.079	
Pumping energy (electricity)	MWh	0.00	
Specific yield	kWh/m <sup>2</sup>	656	
System efficiency	%	40%	
Solar fraction	%	54%	
Renewable energy delivered	MWh	24.02	
	kWh	24,021	

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# RETScreen® Solar Resource and Heating Load Calculation - Solar Water Heating Project

Site Latitude and Collector Orientation		Estimate	Notes/Range
Nearest location for weather data		Concord, NH	<a href="#">See Weather Database</a>
Latitude of project location	°N	43.2	-90.0 to 90.0
Slope of solar collector	°	43.2	0.0 to 90.0
Azimuth of solar collector	°	0.0	0.0 to 180.0

## Monthly Inputs

(Note: 1. Cells in grey are not used for energy calculations; 2. Revisit this table to check that all required inputs are filled if you change system type or solar collector type or pool type, or method for calculating cold water temperature).

Month	Fraction of month used (0 - 1)	Monthly average daily radiation on horizontal surface (kWh/m²/d)	Monthly average temperature (°C)	Monthly average relative humidity (%)	Monthly average wind speed (m/s)	Monthly average daily radiation in plane of solar collector (kWh/m²/d)
January	1.00	1.91	-6.7	68.0	3.2	3.86
February	1.00	2.83	-5.1	66.0	3.4	4.73
March	1.00	3.88	0.6	64.6	3.6	4.86
April	1.00	4.73	7.0	62.2	3.5	4.84
May	1.00	5.61	13.5	65.3	3.1	5.06
June	1.00	6.08	18.4	70.6	2.9	5.20
July	1.00	6.06	21.1	72.0	2.6	5.30
August	1.00	5.30	19.8	74.6	2.4	5.14
September	1.00	4.18	15.1	76.3	2.5	4.80
October	1.00	2.91	8.9	73.1	2.6	4.22
November	1.00	1.80	3.2	73.3	3.0	3.11
December	1.00	1.52	-3.8	72.3	3.2	3.10

		Annual	Season of Use
Solar radiation (horizontal)	MWh/m²	1.43	1.43
Solar radiation (tilted surface)	MWh/m²	1.65	1.65
Average temperature	°C	7.7	7.7
Average wind speed	m/s	3.0	3.0

Water Heating Load Calculation		Estimate	Notes/Range
Application type	-	Service hot water	
System configuration	-	With storage	
Building or load type	-	Industrial	
Number of units	-	-	
Rate of occupancy	%	-	50% to 100%
Estimated hot water use (at ~60 °C)	L/d	N/A	
Hot water use	L/d	2,000	
Desired water temperature	°C	60	
Days per week system is used	d	7	1 to 7
Cold water temperature	-	Auto	
Minimum	°C	2.6	1.0 to 10.0
Maximum	°C	12.4	5.0 to 15.0
Months SWH system in use	month	12.00	
Energy demand for months analysed	MWh	44.55	
	million Btu	151.98	

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Pay back

80 % Instantaneous 14.5 years  
 86 % Condensing 15.6 "  
 90 % Storage tank (HE) 12.7 "

## US C&I commercial state rebates

Colorado 30% or \$16K

Vermont 30% no cap

Oregon 35% no cap

Georgia 35% or \$100,000 cap

Hawaii 35% or \$250,000 cap

North Carolina 35% 05 \$2.5 mil cap

Delaware 33.3 for pv wind and others except thermal hot water at 50%  
\$250,000 cap

Louisiana 50 % first \$25,000 or \$12,500



This "calculator" can be used to compare residential heating fuel prices and the yellow-colored cells as necessary. The information in the green cells is information on this page. Detailed instructions are provided in the Instructions. Contact local suppliers for most accurate prices. This calculator will not

Fuel Type	Fuel Unit	Fuel Price Per Unit (dollars)	Fuel Heat Content Per Unit (Btu)	Fuel Price Per Million Btu (dollars)
Fuel Oil (#2)	Gallon	\$2.65	138,690	
Electricity	KiloWatt-hour	\$0.111	3,412	
Natural Gas <sup>1</sup>	Therm <sup>2</sup>	\$1.05	100,000	
Propane	Gallon	\$2.11	91,333	
Wood <sup>3</sup>	Cord	\$200.00	22,000,000	
Pellets	Ton	\$250.00	16,500,000	
Corn (kernels)	Ton	\$200.00	16,500,000	
Kerosene	Gallon	\$3.20	135,000	
Coal (Anthracite)	Ton	\$200.00	25,000,000	

#### NOTES:

- 1 Natural gas is typically sold to residential customers in units of "therms," but may be sold in units of "cubic feet."
- 2 One therm = 100,000 Btu, and is equivalent to about 97.18 cubic feet (or 0.972 Mcf). To convert prices in \$/Mcf (1,000 cubic feet) to \$/therm, divide the \$/Mcf by 1.047.
- 3 The heat content value for a cord of wood varies by tree species and is greatly affected by moisture content.
- 4 For definitions of Efficiency Ratings and referrals to where they can be obtained, see the Instructions. Some types of heaters do not have efficiency ratings; the ratings in the yellow cells are default values.
- 5 The default values are the minimum efficiency standards set by the U.S. Department of Energy.